

Making Space for Young Adults in Public Libraries
[name removed], Main Library

Staff Video

This is the entrance to the teen department here at our library. We have a public service desk nearby in the youth services department. Those staffing that desk help out patrons; back here, they rove through. Here in the teen department we have three study rooms: a large group study room where we have held teen programs before, and two smaller-sized study rooms over here. They're all open to the general public. They are booked through the youth services and the information services desk. Over this way, we have our new books on display and our CD books, and some comfortable seating so you can read a book or use a laptop. We have electrical outlets in the floors and the walls throughout the department, and it is equipped with Wi-Fi.

[1:08] We have several displays. Over here we have a smorgasbord of teen reading right now. We also have a mustache contest going on here. This is 'Name that Mustache.' We have a display over this way with upcoming events here at the library, and next to the magazines we have a display of young adult reading program books. We also have our magazines over here and some comfortable seating so you can sit down and read, and we have our graphic novel collection, always really popular, our teen nonfiction and our teen fiction.

[2:03] Here we have four computers in our teen area that can be booked for up to two hours a day. They are open to anyone who is 12 and older. We have some chairs here in the area so you can wait for your computer, or, if you're working on a project with someone else, you can pull a chair up to the computer with you.

Most of our teen programs take place in the youth services program room over this way. The teens have expressed a preference in using this room because we have a lot of great technology they can play with over here. One of the favorite things is the SMART Board. We use it to map out upcoming programs. That's what I've got on there right now. The teen advisory board did this, and we use it for demonstrating photography, movie-making, basic programming, all sorts of different programs we do here at the library, and [3:08] when I have the teen advisory board in here, they like to use it to show YouTube videos of their favorite songs. Over here we have a mobile laptop lab that we can check out and use here in this room. It's a great way to do our movie-making and introduction to digital photography workshops.

We also have a small kitchenette in back with a microwave, a popcorn maker and a sink. We use that when we're doing craft programs or when we're having food programs, and up here we have a large screen that unrolls from the ceiling. We use that for videogames. We have an Xbox Kinect and a Wii that we hook up here and play videogames. So that's a tour of our teen area here at the library.

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[Inaudible] Then you go way over here to the teen section. And they have these computers and new books over here and CD books and chairs, study rooms, and a display where they're currently showing [name removed] Smorgasbord of Reading. Here, you can name that mustache to win candy. I want candy. And here they have the graphic [52:9] novels, the teen nonfiction; the teen fiction goes way over there. Piece of cork [sp?] and stuff that happens in our area. It's all about the library. And magazines and the young adult reading program stuff for this year. Then you go all the way over here to the program room [walking] where they have a SMART Board and assorted stuff. Then the desk is over there.

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